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Applicants: George Goicoechea et al. : Art Unit: 3738
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For: ENDOLUMINAL STENT :

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002, please consider this application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Restriction

Paragraphs 1-3 of the Office Action require restriction of this application to Group I (claims 20, 22-41, 43-49, 54-57, and 62) or Group II (claims 58-61). The claims of Group I are elected for prosecution in this application.

Election

Paragraphs 4-6 require election among five (5) species of securing means. Though it is stated in Paragraph 4 of the Office Action that "no claims are generic", it is respectfully submitted that at least claims 54-56 are generic with respect to the structure of the securing means (claims 54 and 55) and the manner in

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